

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed on 12/04/2008 are acceptable and have been entered into record.

Examiner's Amendment

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney, Peter A. Balnave, Registration No. 46,199 on December 17, 2008 to amend specification.

Please amend the specifications as following:

Delete the paragraph 0046 provided on 8/21/2007.

~~[0046] In addition, the embodiments of the invention provide a program storage device readable by computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a method of incrementally maintaining algebraic functions in automatic summary tables (ASTs) of at least one relational database, said method comprising: associating a work area with each algebraic function in each AST; populating variables within each work area for each algebraic function when each AST is created and when each AST is updated; maintaining each work area by adding and subtracting to and from associated variables of each work area when associated data changes in said relational database; and computing each algebraic function.~~

Further delete the references section on pages 14 and 15 of the specification which was provided on 8/19/2003.

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